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"THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECT OF THE TROTSKIST  
OPPOSITION".

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United States.

"In the United States... the opposition has a clearly expressed character of adventurism, and it maintains direct contact with the bourgeois press... All the present defenders of Trotsky in the United States - Eastman, Lore, Zalutsky, are ex-Communists, renegades expelled from the Party... The renegade Eastman asserts that he struggles for equality and liberty, and for the sake of that equality he sold a forged copy of Lenin's 'testament' to the NEW YORK TIMES for 2,000 dollars. Eastman assured that he gave this money to Souvarine in Paris, in order to finance the work of the opposition"...

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"The pillar of Trotskism in America, Eastman, published a booklet under the title, "Marxism and Leninism". Its fundamental idea is that Leninism 'might become the genuine science of revolution only in case it rids itself of the last remnants of Marxism'. Eastman declares that he 'accepts the practice of Leninism, but decidedly declines its theory because

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it is under the influence of Marxism'. On these grounds the socialists declare Eastman to be a Communist, while Eastman himself proclaims himself a "revolutionary Communist".

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"In the United States - says Comrade Engdahl - the opposition has the support of the organs of the liberal bourgeois press - the NATION and THE NEW REPUBLIC - which are rivaling with the reactionary press in the matter of publishing the Joffe letter. That letter is being published broadcast with equal zeal by the capitalistic as well as by the Social-Democratic and the reactionary trade-union press. All of them have one aim: to support the Trotskyist opposition, and to attack the Soviet Union. The socialistic DAILY FORWARD, an exasperated hater of the U.S.S.R., expresses its sympathies with the Trotskyist opposition. The same applies also to the Hillquit's socialistic organ, NEW LEADER. In that alliance of the Social-Democrats and the reactionary trade-union bureaucrats with the Trotskyist opposition, Comrade Engdahl perceives danger. The opposition - says he - having the support of the socialists, will probably try to form something like a Party for struggle against the Communists; in this way the Social-Democrats will obtain auxiliary forces within the ranks of the trade unions, for struggle against the Communists"...